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SUBJECT: APPROVAL NEAR FOR AUTONOMOUS AGRICULTURAL  
MARKETING ORGANIZATION

SAN JOSE FOR AGATT

1. SEMI-INDEPENDENT SPANISH LANGUAGE DAILY "ESTRELLA" FOR  
DECEMBER 14 REPORTED THAT GOP NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION  
HAD REVIEWED AND SUBMITTED FOR FINAL APPROVAL BY NATIONAL  
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL DRAFT LEGISLATION ESTABLISHING A MARKETING  
INSTITUTE.

2. SUBJECT ORGANIZATION WOULD OVERSEE IMPORTATION AND EXPORT-  
ATION OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, CENTRALIZING FUNCTIONS NOW  
PERFORMED EITHER BY MARKETING DEPARTMENT OF MINISTRY OF AGRI-  
CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT (MIDA) OR BY OTHER OFFICIAL AND SEMI-  
OFFICIAL MARKETING ORGANIZATIONS. INSTITUTE WILL OPERATE AS  
AN AUTONOMOUS AGENCY WITHIN POLICY GUIDELINES ESTABLISHED BY  
MIDA.

3. COMMENT: ANNOUNCEMENT OF IMPEDNING ESTABLISHMENT OF QUASI-  
INDEPENDENT AGRICULTURAL MARKETING ORGANIZATION IS RESULT OF  
COOPERATIVE EFFORT BY VICE MINISTER AND ACTING MARKETING  
DEPARTMENT HEAD, GUSTAVO GONZALEZ AND USAID OFFICIALS TO  
CENTRALIZE GOP AGRICULTURAL MARKETING ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE  
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MIDA. PREVIOUS RESISTANCE WITHIN MIDA TO THIS CHANGE

DISAPPEARED WITH LT. COLONEL PAREDES APPOINTMENT  
AS MINISTER OF AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT. GUSTAVO GONZALEZ  
WILL LIKELY HEAD NEW ORGANIZATION-QUASI-AUTONOMOUS STATUS  
WILL ALLOW HIM MORE FLEXIBILITY IN DEALING WITH THE UNSTABLE  
SUPPLY AND DEMAND DISITUATION IN FOODSTUFFS, WHILE PROVIDING  
INCREASED PUBLIC EXPOSURE FOR HIS ROLE IN THE AGRICULTURAL  
SECTOR. BEST ESTIMATE IS THAT NEW ORGANIZATION WILL BE  
LAUNCHED IN EARLY 1976.  
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